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FREE INTERNET FACILITY TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of colleges/schools in which the internet facility is presently provided in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(a) whether the University Grants Commission provide free internet facility to the colleges and universities in all parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits accrued to the colleges/universities by this; and

(d) if not, the time by which this facility is likely to be provided?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (d): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC has provided Internet facilities to 2493 colleges in the country out of which 165 colleges are from Tamil Nadu. However, in respect of Schools, no centralized information is maintained.

Free Internet connectivity is provided to those Universities which are eligible for assistance from the Commission under the UGC Act. Internet enables students to access relevant information. Networking the Universities will enhance virtual academic infrastructure to the extent of creating the culture of e-learning and usage of e- subscription of journals. The Network of colleges would help the colleges to have an access to multimedia material in teaching and learning from India and abroad.